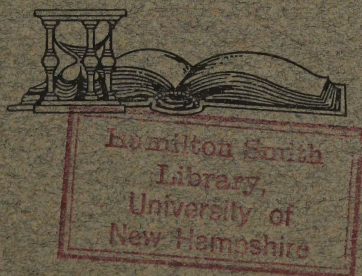


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OF THE
TOWN OF PLAISTOW

**For the Year Ending
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TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICERS ELECTED BIENNIALLY

Representative to General Court

Fred P. Hill

Moderator

Fred P. Hill

Supervisors

Wesley Witherell

John Badger

Harrie R. Cushing

OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY

Selectmen, Assessors and Road Agents

Arthur W. Sawyer

John W. Sleeper

John W. Peaslee

Treasurer

Roy E. Peaslee

Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Hills

Town Clerk

Joseph S. Hills

Constable

John Badger

Trustees of Public Library

Maud Smith

Annie L. Dow

Nellie W. Hills

Librarian

Mrs. Margaret T. Ryder

Board of Health

E. A. Landman, M. D.

John W. Sleeper

Arthur W. Sawyer

John W. Peaslee

Auditors

Forrest S. Davis

Fred P. Hill

Police

Forrest S. Davis

John Badger

George H. Tucker

Fred Leavitt

Henry E. Challis

Joseph W. Sargent

George Lefebvre

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow in the County of Rockingham in said State qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Plaistow on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next at seven of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same as recommended by the budget committee.

3. To choose one Trustee for the Public Library for three years.

4. To choose one Trustee for the Moses B. Dow fund for three years.

5. To choose one Trustee for the Sarah F. Robinson Fund for three years.

6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the continuance of the Sweet Hill Avenue highway.

8. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) for the repair of the Westville Road highway.

9. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) to complete the approaches and railings at the Peaslee, Walton and Pollard bridges.

10. To see if the town will vote to install a new heating and water system in the Town Hall, to make appropriation and other actions pertaining thereto.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty.

JOHN W. SLEEPER,
J. WILLIAM PEASLEE,

Selectmen of Plaistow.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1920.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, January 31st, 1920.

JOHN W. SLEEPER,
J. M. PEASLEE.

Selectmen.

ROY E. PEASLEE.

Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

ASSETS.....		\$7,035.59
ACCOUNTS DUE TO THE TOWN:		
<i>Due from State:</i>		
(b) Joint Highway Accounts, Future Taxes.....		\$7,502.32
(a) Stone Crusher, roller, tools and supplies.....		1,800.00
<i>Other bills due Town:</i>		
(a) Granite State Spring Water Co.,—coal.....		233.59
<i>Taxes not Collected:</i>		
(a) Levy of 1918...		1,098.00
(b) Levy of 1919...		6,707.04

Total Assets.....	\$24,376.54
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	\$9,967.08

Grand Total.....	\$34,343.62
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1919.....	\$8,551.66
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1920.....	9,967.08
Increase debt, of surplus.....	1,415.42

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN:

Due to School Districts: (a) Dog licenses, no returns from collector.....	
Street lighting.....	\$775.00
Reservoir Fund.....	389.02
Benevolent War Fund, Balance.....	326.60
Guide Boards, balance.....	53.00

OUTSTANDING TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES:.....

BONDS OUTSTANDING: (<i>For what Purpose</i>) .	
Town Hall, due May 1, 1920.....	\$10,000.00

Total Liabilities	\$34,343.62
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RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes:

Amount committed to collector, 1919.....	\$23,707.04	
Less uncollected, 1919.....	6,707.04	
1. Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected.....		\$17,000.00
2. Uncollected taxes of previous years.....	3,750.34	
Less uncollected taxes of previous years.....	1,098.00	
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected.....	2,652.34	
Total of above collections....		\$19,652.34

From State:

(a) For State Aid Maintenance.....	1,052.65	
(d) For Trunk Line construction.....	2,504.37	
4. Insurance tax.....	9.00	
5. Railroad tax.....	568.78	
6. Savings bank tax.....	41.65	
9. State aid for education.....	719.00	

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

14. Dog licenses, no returns from collector		
15. Auto permits, no returns from collector		
17. Rent of town hall.....	46.00	
18. Interest received on taxes..	22.34	
19. Interest received on deposits	19.06	

Total Current Revenue Receipts.. \$24,635.19

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:

26. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$37,000.00
31. Refunds from school district	500.00

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue.. \$37,500.00

Total Receipts from All Sources \$62,135.19

Cash on hand at beginning of year,
February 1, 1919..... \$4,489.55

Grand Total..... \$66,624.74

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries.....	\$680.49
2. Town officers' expenses.....	64.82
3. Election and registration expenses..	37.05
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings.....	456.51

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps.....	10.00
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7.	Fire department, including forest fires.....	90.65
8.	Moth extermination.....	155.00
10.	Damage by dogs.....	10.00
<i>Health:</i>		
11.	Health department, including hospitals.....	45.00
12.	Vital statistics.....	7.25
<i>Highways and Bridges:</i>		
14.	State Aid maintenance.....	2,558.06
16.	Town maintenance.....	1,125.13
17.	Street lighting and sprinkling.....	500.00
<i>Libraries:</i>		
19.	Libraries.....	250.00
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>		
22.	Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises.....	75.00
23.	Aid to soldiers and their families...	16.05
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>		
25.	Appropriation to Reservoir Fund..	110.98
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
30.	Haverhill Firemen's Relief Asso.	100.00
31.	Town reports.....	61.60
<i>INTEREST:</i>		
	Total Current Maintenance Expenses,	\$6,353.59
32.	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	980.00
34.	Paid on bonded debt.....	350.00
	Total Interest Payments.....	\$1,330.00
<i>OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:</i>		
37.	Highways and bridges—Trunk Line construction.....	4,824.37
38.	Highways and bridges—Town construction.....	1,320.48
	Total Outlay Payments.....	\$6,144.85
<i>INDEBTEDNESS:</i>		
44.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	\$27,000.00
	Total Indebtedness Payments.....	\$27,000.00
<i>PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:</i>		
50.	Taxes paid to State.....	\$3,542.00
51.	Taxes paid to County.....	2,087.99
53.	Payments to School Districts.....	13,130.72
	Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions.....	\$18,760.71
	Total Payments for All Purposes..	\$59,589.15
Cash on hand at end of year, January 31, 1920.....		\$7,035.59
	Grand Total.....	\$66,624.74

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Description	Value
1.	Town Hall, Lands and Buildings.....	\$25,000.00
	Furniture and Equipment.....	500.00

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2.	Libraries,	
	Furniture and Equipment.....	900.00 ³
4.	Fire Department, Lands and Buildings.....	300.00 ³
	Equipment.....	600.00 ³
5.	Highway Department,	
	Materials and Supplies.....	1,800.00 ³
	Total.....	<u>\$26,100. 00⁴</u>

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

April 1, 1919

Improved and unimproved lands and build-	
ings,	\$829,519 00
120 horses,	9,270 00
183 cows,	11,065 00
2 neat stock,	90 00
284 sheep,	3,000 00
5 hogs,	115 00
595 fowl,	595 00
112 vehicles and automobiles,	37,850 00
Portable mills,	1,050 00
Wood. lumber, etc.,	7,950 00
Municipal bonds and notes,	9,000 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,	1,600 00
Stock in trade,	27,350 00
Mills and machinery,	28,575 00
Polls, 337; taxes, \$1,011	
	\$967,029 00

CONCERNING THE REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN CLERK

We regret to report that we have been unable to secure the Collector's report or a copy of the Town Clerk's records covering vital statistics. We feel that some explanation of the absence of these two important items is due the public and while we cannot account for the failure of your Tax Collector and Town Clerk to supply us with his reports we can only inform you that we have failed in our efforts and solicitations of his co-operation in the work necessary for the compilation of a complete town report.

In consequence of this unpleasant situation we find ourselves, at the last hour of grace, facing the alternative of a report incomplete or no report at all; therefore the reports of the Selectmen and Treasurer, as herein submitted, are based on such figures as are only available without the co-operation of the Collector and cannot be considered as showing the true financial standing of the town.

Any report that may now be submitted by the Collector will have no bearing on the several reports of the undersigned officials.

JOHN W. SLEEPER,
J. W. PEASLEE,

Selectmen.

ROY E. PEASLEE,

Treasurer.

Dated March the 4th, 1920

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 31, 1920

 PAYMENTS

By paying selectmen's orders Nos. 319 to 465 inclusive,	\$59,589 15
Total Disbursements:	
Cash balance in First National Bank,	6,993 77
Cash balance on hand,	41 82
	\$7,035 59

RECEIPTS

To cash on hand Jan. 31, 1919,	\$4,489 55
Rec'd from Joseph S. Hills:	
Taxes 1917,	\$202 34
Taxes 1918,	2,450 00
Taxes 1919,	17,000 00
Interest,	22 34
State of New Hampshire, highways,	19,674 68
First National Bank, notes,	3,557 02
School District, reimbursement,	37,000 00
School District, reimbursement,	500 00
State Treasurer:	
Insurance tax,	9 00
Railroad tax,	568 78
Savings bank tax,	41 65
Proportion school fund,	719 00
First National Bank, int. on deposits,	19 06
Geo. H. Tucker, rent of Town Hall,	46 00
	\$66,624 74

ROY E. PEASLEE,

Treasurer.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Money Available	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1918,	\$ 58 61	\$ 37 77	\$ 96 38
Appropriations for 1919,	836 79	941 38	1,778 17
Appropriations, extra,	496 40	526 26	1,022 66

Appropriations, total,	\$1,391 80	\$1,505 41	\$2,897 21
Expenditures,	1,391 80	1,505 41	2,897 21

State Account:

Cash paid town,	\$1,052 65
Engineering,	24 70
Trucks,	146 66
Barrett Co.,	167 79

Net amount by state, \$1,391 80

Town Account:

Paid W. B. Angus,	\$520 42
Paid H. B. Brackett,	223 75
Paid A. W. Sawyer, reports,	906 46
Paid Barrett Co.,	907 43

Total amount by town, \$2,558 06

Cash from state, 1,052 65

Net amount by town, \$1,505 41

TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION, NEWTON ROAD

	State	Town	Federal Aid
Appropriation 1919,	\$1,409 53	\$2,740 00	\$4,149 53
Expenditures 1919,	1,409 53	2,740 00	1,137 20

\$3,012 33

State Account:

Cash paid town,	\$947 17
Engineering,	46 42

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Culverts,	415 94
Net amount by state,	\$1,409 53
Town Account:	
Labor and supplies,	\$4,824 37
Less cash (State and Federal),	2,084 37
Net amount by town,	\$2,740 00
Federal Account:	
Appropriation,	\$4,149 53
Cash paid town,	1,137 20
Balance of Federal aid,	\$3,012 53

AUDITORS' REPORT

Plaistow, N. H., March 3, 1920.

We have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending January 31, 1920 and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
FORREST S. DAVIS,
Auditors.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Financial Statement

Receipts	
Balance at beginning of year,	\$1 50
Town appropriation,	250 00
Fines,	19 65
Total receipts,	\$271 15

Expenditures	
Books,	\$156 80
Salaries, librarian,	70 50
Insurance,	6 00
Supplies and printing,	8 63
Permanent improvements,	29 22
Total expenditures,	\$271 15

Resources

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year,	3,305
Number of bound volumes added by purchase,	137
Number of bound volumes added by gift(including public documents),	8
Federal, state, and town documents, added, bound,	3
Total,	3,453
Total number of volumes owned at end of year,	3,453
Number of magazines and newspapers currently received,	2

Service

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of non-fiction lent,	328		328
Number of volumes of fiction lent,	5,694		5,694

Number of volumes unbound		
magazines lent,		100
Total circulation for current		
year,	6,022	6,022
Number of new borrowers added		
during the year,		58

MARGARET T. RYDER,

Librarian.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

We think our library during the past year may be classed among "growing things." A larger number of books than usual has been added testifying to its growth in that direction. Having outgrown their former shelf room, provision has been made for further accommodation in the alcove of the reading room. A large number of our books are classed as "fiction." Some think too many. To such we would say that it is quite possible for a good work of fiction to teach as valuable a lesson as was ever taught between the covers of a book. Example, the story of "Pollyanna" which led to the formation of numbers of societies of young people, all enthusiastic to practice the lessons of patience and cheerfulness under difficulties and thankfulness for favors received. If it is claimed that Pollyanna was built upon facts, all good stories have a foundation in the experiences of life. We have many books of the solid order upon our shelves. If they are too solid we find they are not read.

We could wish that so many volumes did not find their way to our book hospital for repairs, but we would not limit any of our patrons in their pursuit of knowledge.

With thanks for favors received and faith for the future, we are

MAUD SMITH,
 NELLIE G. HILLS,
 ANNIE L. DOW,
 Trustees.

As we are going to press we learn that Arthur G. Pollard has added to his former valuable gifts to our library three fine volumes of "The History of Lowell."

THE ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL BOARD
of the
TOWN OF PLAISTOW
Year Ending August 31, 1919

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Plaistow qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the day of March, 1920, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the report of the school board recommending the amount of money required for the support of schools and payment of statutory obligations.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$125.00 for insurance.
9. To determine the amount of money to be assessed by the selectmen for salaries of district officers.
10. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$50.00 for minor repairs.
11. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$200.00 for grading and improvement of Pollard school grounds.
12. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$100.00 for excess salary of superintendent.
13. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of \$1,341.00 for the current fiscal year for the transpor-

tation of pupils living less than two miles from school.

14. To see how much the district will vote to raise for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1921, for the transportation of pupils living less than two miles from school.

15. To see if the district will vote to transfer the North End schoolhouse to the town of Plaistow fire department.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Plaistow this 24th day of February, 1920.

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,
WALTER C. LIBBEY,

School Board.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,
WALTER C. LIBBEY,

School Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The district superintendent in his report, explains concisely the main provisions of the school law recently enacted. He also discusses the serious situation growing out of the lack of trained teachers owing to the fact that teachers are leaving their profession and are accepting more remunerative employment in commercial and industrial enterprises.

In making this, his third annual report, the chairman of the school board wishes to say that the local board fully concurs in what the superintendent has said. Naturally some confusion and perhaps a few misunderstandings have resulted from the change in the school law above referred to, but there can be no doubt as to the progressiveness of the law nor as to its wide scope and fundamental soundness. It should ultimately result in improved schools everywhere throughout the state.

The local board has tried to discharge its duties conscientiously and with all the efficiency possible within the limits of the individual capabilities of its members. It has endeavored to administer the school finances as economically as conditions would permit but with the continued upward trend in the cost of instruction and all of the appurtenances and commodities necessary thereto there has been of course a corresponding increase in expenses.

Although there have been resignations from the teaching staff, the schools have been kept open and the work carried forward in all grades by competent temporary teachers. However, some fifty New Hampshire schools have been closed since January first owing to lack of teachers so that the future is in this respect uncertain.

As provided for by the new law a supervisory union

was duly organized and Mr. James A. MacDougall, of Salem, was elected district superintendent. Mr. MacDougall has had many years' experience as teacher and as a superintendent of schools and should eventually obtain excellent results. Much of his time up to the present has been taken up in assisting the several towns in the supervisory union to become adjusted to the "new regime."

Miss Beulah Averill as principal of Pollard school has been doing splendid work and should have the enthusiastic support of teachers and parents. Plaistow parents should take a larger and a more friendly interest in the teachers and their work; should visit the schools oftener and learn at first hand how the school work is being conducted. Mere fault finding based for the most part upon hearsay can accomplish little if any good and may do infinite harm, but informed criticism and helpful suggestions will at all times be welcomed by the teachers, the superintendent and the school board. It is obviously unfair to draw comparisons between the schools of a village and those of a wealthy and populous city but Plaistow schools will compare favorably with those of the same class anywhere in the state

The community has again received a substantial memento of the continued interest of Mr. A. G. Pollard, of Lowell, Massachusetts, in his old home and the school that bears his name. The school board on behalf of the townsfolk extend thanks to Mr. Pollard for his generous gift of the splendid cement walks that add so much to the appearance of the school building and its surroundings as well as to the comfort of all who use the walks.

Miss Esther Fitzgerald is in charge of the Westville school and is doing good work. Some necessary minor repairs are to be made as soon as the weather will permit that will improve the sanitary and heating conditions of the school building.

On December fifteenth, Mrs. Margaret T. Ryder, after nearly six years of faithful service as secretary and member of the board, tendered her resignation which was accepted by the school board only upon her im-

perative insistence. Mrs. Ryder's resignation was much regretted by her colleagues.

The thanks of the school board are due to the superintendent, the teachers and all who have in any way assisted in an honest endeavor to administer the educational activities of the community so as to serve the best interests of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,

Chairman of School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Required annual report of school board to district, stating amount of money needed for support of schools and for statutory requirements (see Laws of 1919, 106:21).

1. Amount of money required by law (\$3.50 on each \$1,000 of the 1920 inventory).

2. Statement in detail of the additional amount of money required for the support of schools, and payment of statutory obligations for the ensuing fiscal year.

Elementary	High
Schools	Schools

1. Budget (School Money)

(a) For support of schools.....\$9,500 00

(This is school money and may be used for maintaining schools including the purchase of fuel and other supplies, the transportation of pupils and incidental repairs not exceeding 5% of school money).

(b) For purchase of textbooks
and scholars' supplies..... 400 00

(c) For the purchase of flags
and appurtenances 50 00

(d) For the payment of tuitions

at high schools and academies	\$2,000 00
(e) Total amount required for above items	9,950 00
(f) Estimate of amount of a \$5 tax on the 1920 inventory	4,835 15
2. Requiriments to meet Budget:	
(a) For support of elementary schools	4,835 15
(b) For payment of high school tuitions	2,000 00
Total for support of all schools (school money)	6,835 15
3. School Board Report of Assess- ment Required:	
(1) For the support of schools and the purchase of required books, supplies and flags, and the payment of high school tuitions	6,835 15
(2) For the payment of the per capita tax (statutory)	560 00
(3) For the payment of debt (statutory)	1,000 00
(4) For the payment of interest (statutory)	761 50

STATEMENT

Plaistow School District

Financial report of Plaistow School District for the
fiscal year ending August 31, 1919.

Current Revenue

From State:

Literary fund,	\$153 40
For support of schools,	846 00
For high school tuitions,	209 00
General fund cash on hand Sept. 1, 1918,	2,403 25
Dog licenses,	145 30
High school tuitions,	935 00
Rebate on scholars' tickets returned,	19 39
Balance from building fund account,	233 13
*Received from treasurer building committee,	246 66

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Amount necessary plus \$233.13 received from	
building committee to retire \$1,000 bond,	766 87
Interest on notes and bonds,	781 50
Minor repairs,	100 00
Reimbursement to town for money advanced,	500 00
	\$7,349 50
Overdraft,	2,787 74
	\$10,137 24

* This item should read: Received from treasurer of building committee \$13.53 interest on building fund bank balance. When the building committee made its report, the amount of interest due had not been ascertained. \$233.13 balance of fund plus \$13.53 accrued interest making total of \$246.66 was the amount actually received from the committee. This error was not detected until after the report to the State had been sent forward. It is of course, obvious that the \$233.13 item was duplicated in the \$246.66 item. Therefore the amount of \$233.13 must be deducted from total current revenue and be added to the amount of overdraft making the corrected report read:

Total current revenue,	\$7,349 50
Item duplicated,	233 13
	\$7,116 37
Overdraft as reported,	\$2,787 74
Item duplicated,	233 13
Total overdraft,	
	\$3,020 87
Grand total,	\$10,137 24

Current Expenses

Administration:

Salaries of school board,	\$102 07
Salaries of other district officers,	60 00
Other expenses of administration,	42 98

Instruction:

Principal's and regular teachers' salaries,	3,983 20
High school and academy tuition,	935 00

Test books and pupils' supplies,	(36 51
	(108 90
Flags and appurtenances,	13 85
Other expenses of instruction,	37 77
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:	
Janitor service,	483 00
Fuel,	354 96
Light and power,	19 58
Building and janitors' supplies,	49 58
Minor repair of buildings and upkeep of grounds,	33 00
Repair and replacement of equipment,	61 32
Other expenses of operation and main- tenance,	2 00
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:	
Medical inspection,	25 00
Transportation of pupils,	1,154 00
Other special activities,	66 00
Fixed Charges:	
Insurance,	352 36
Payment of bond,	1,000 00
Interest on notes and bonds,	781 50
Extraordinary Outlay:	
Reimbursement to town for money ad- vanced,	500 00
Total expenses for all purposes,	\$10,137 24

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,
WALTER C. LIBBEY,
School Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee and Citizens of Plaistow:

I herewith submit my report as superintendent of schools.

As my work began in September this report must be brief and must deal for the most part with generalities.

The town of Plaistow has reason to feel proud of its schoolhouse accommodations. The Pollard school is clean, commodious and well built and well furnished. Children are bound to feel greater respect for their school, their teachers and for themselves through attendance in a school such as this. Teachers necessarily are more cheerful and their work is better done than if compelled to spend their days in dull and dingy surroundings. The entire town becomes more pleased with itself through having for its school center such a building.

I found the work of the schools in general well up to the state program of studies. While there were murmurings because of the large percentage of failures in the examinations for the Haverhill High School last June it appears to me that this was the result of the pupils being examined in the work of one program of studies after having studied the work as planned by a different one. The Haverhill elementary schools have been conducted on a nine year basis up to the present year while the New Hampshire program is outlined on an eight year plan. Necessarily there will be points in all subjects where the one course will fail to fit for the other.

The introduction of specific teaching of music under the supervision of a teacher specially prepared for, and having had several years' experience in this work adds materially to the educational value of the ele-

mentary schools. A very few years of this work will prove its worth.

The school law passed by the legislature of 1919 is the most progressive as well as the most comprehensive piece of school legislation so far enacted by any state and its provisions place New Hampshire's educational system in the very front of the state systems of the country. The most important changes effected are:

1. The establishment of a State Board of Education with functions and duties that its members may not delegate to its executive officer, the commissioner of education.

2. The establishment of state wide supervision of schools under approved superintendents. These superintendents while nominated by the joint committees of the supervisory districts are elected by the State Board of Education and are State officials whose duties and powers are defined.

3. The fixing of a minimum of 36 weeks of school for elementary schools.

4. The definition of what shall constitute an approved elementary school.

5. State wide certification or approval of teachers and that the State Board shall fix standards of qualification to be met in order that approval may be secured.

6. A requirement that all common school branches shall be taught in English and that Americanization schools shall be conducted for persons who cannot speak English.

It further requires that selectmen shall assess a tax of \$2 per pupil of entire registration for the preceding year to defray the expense of state wide supervision and a tax of \$3.00 per thousand of the value of the ratable estate assessable for current year for the support of elementary schools, Americanization schools, the purchase of textbooks, pupils' supplies and flags and appurtenances and the supervision of the health of the children. This sum may be increased by vote of the district to any sum up to \$5 on the thousand but to dis-

tricts in which the sum up to \$5 on a thousand is not sufficient the state shall provide the balance from funds appropriated for this purpose.

The intention of the law is to make of the state one big school district with a view of giving to the children of the small town whose property value is small and whose tax rate unreasonably high educational opportunities as nearly as possible equal to those of the city and large town in which commerce and manufacturing and the opportunity to earn money make the payment of higher taxes much easier than in the back section where no such opportunities exist.

The first principle of this law is equalization of educational opportunities for all children in the state, the second is the standardization of the schools.

In towns like Plaistow the cost of running the schools will not likely be less and may be slightly more than under the old law, but owing to the increased cost of living and consequent higher salaries paid this year it is impossible to make a close estimate.

Until this year it has never been difficult for Plaistow to get graduates of the Lowell or of the Salem Normal Schools to teach here for a year or two or until they found a situation in or near their home town or city. The demand for young women in the mills and offices of the cities and the fancy wages paid have drawn from the teaching force many already at work, but especially have attracted the recent graduates of the normal schools who would ordinarily be candidates for teaching positions in these towns near the state line. The young graduates of high schools have also been drawn in and the attendance in many normal schools has been cut 50 per cent. There are not enough trained teachers left to go around this year, and during the next few years conditions will grow worse rather than better until manufacturing shall have caught up with the demand.

The plan of certification of teachers now being put into effect that requires at least some professional training will go far towards safeguarding the standards of work already established here.

One other factor that will help to solve the teacher problem and in fact the whole problem of education in country districts is for people to get back somewhat to the old-time social attitude and establish friendly relations with their children's teacher. The teacher is just a human being neither better nor worse than the average of human beings and it will make her do better work with the children if the people of her community accept her in this spirit.

Furthermore I would strongly urge parents of girls who will graduate from high school this year to consider well the opportunity for service of the highest character that are opening in teaching profession. To be sure they will have to work hard and the return in money will not make them wealthy, but they will have the satisfaction of having an important part in the greatest, the noblest work in the world—that of moulding the character of the next generation, of helping to establish the principles by which this country will be governed. They can probably make more weaving cotton or stitching shoes. But the cloth soon wears out and the shoes soon become worthless, their money is soon spent and the pleasures bought with it are quickly gone. But the character and principles of right living and right thinking established by the patient, conscientious teacher will go on and express themselves in cleaner living and better citizenship long after her own heart has ceased to beat.

Plaistow was fortunate in having a full corps of teachers when schools opened in September. Some changes have occurred since the opening of school and wherever a vacancy occurs there is always difficulty now in finding the right teacher.

I desire to express to school committee, teachers and citizens my appreciation of the co-operation given me in my work.

JAMES A. MacDOUGALL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1919

Cash balance on hand Aug. 31, 1918,	\$497 50
Balance due on 1918 appropriation,	1,905 75
Actual balance Aug. 31, 1918,	\$2,403 25
Town appropriation,	8,872 58
Received from state,	1,218 40
Rebate on railway tickets,	19 39
Dog licenses 1918,	145 30
Treas. building committee,	246 66
Overdraft from town,	500 00
	\$13,405 58
By paying orders, Nos. 391 to 685 inclusive,	\$10,137 24
Total disbursements,	\$10,137 24
Cash balance on hand Aug. 31, 1919,	\$395 76
Balance due on 1919 appropriation,	2,872 58
Actual balance Aug. 31, 1919,	\$3,268 34
	\$13,405 58

ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer School District.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Plaistow, N. H., March 3, 1920.

We have this day examined the accounts of the treasurer of the School District and find the same correct and properly vouched for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
CLIFTON E. COLLINS,
Auditors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1917

Dr.		
To uncollected taxes,	\$202 34	
To interest collected,	22 34	
		\$224 68
Cr.		
By cash paid treasurer,		\$224 68

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1918

Dr.		
To uncollected taxes,	\$3,548 00	
To interest collected,	114 32	
		\$3,662 32
Cr.		
By cash paid treasurer by town re- port	\$2,450 00	
By cash paid treasurer Mar. 4, 1920,	1,088 50	
By interest paid treasurer Mar. 4, 1920,	114 32	
Total amount paid treasurer,	\$3,652 82	
By abatement,	9 50	
		\$3,662 32

List of Abatements

Louis M. Kelly, bankrupt stock,	\$6 65
Henry M. Thompson, no automobile,	2 85
	\$9 50

COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1919

Dr.		
To amount submitted for collec- tion,	\$23,707 04	
To interest collected,	20 43	
		\$23,727 47

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer by town report,	\$17,000 00
By cash paid treasurer March 4, 1920,	2,517 75
By interest paid treasurer March 4, 1920,	20 43
Total amount paid treasurer,	\$19,538 18
By abatement,	54 93
By uncollected taxes,	4,134 36
	\$23,727 47

List of Abatements

Frank S. Bailey, paid in Haverhill,	\$3 00
Nap. Bergeron, not in town,	3 00
David Bourgeois, over 70,	3 00
William Burke, not in town,	3 00
Ralph C. Clark, not in town,	3 00
Walter Kimball, not in town,	3 00
Wilfred Leach, not in town,	3 00
Dean R. Harriman, over 70,	3 00
Golden S. Mooers, paid in Haverhill,	3 00
Newell A. Nealy, error,	3 00
Thomas Newcomb, deceased,	3 00
Arthur Sanborn, not in town,	3 00
Frank J. Smythe, paid in Haverhill,	3 00
James E. Watts, U. S. service,	3 00
Mary Ayer, allowance,	8 23
Gulf Refining Co., allowance,	4 70
	\$54 93

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Collector.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR
VEHICLES**

Total amount received,	\$638 07
Less fees, 60 automobiles at 25c,	15 00
Amount paid treasurer Mar. 5, 1920,	\$623 07

DOG LICENSES 1919

57 male dogs for 1 year at \$2,	\$114 00
9 female dogs for 1 year at \$5,	45 00
1 male dog for 6 months at \$1,	1 00
	\$160 00
67 license fees at 20c each,	13 40
Amount paid treasurer March 5, 1920,	\$146 60
A true record. Attest:	

JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Birthplace	Name of Mother	Birthplace
Jan. 6	Ruth Healy	Female	Leonard B. Healy	Waltham Mass.	Mabel Lawson	Andover, Mass.
Jan. 14	Kenneth Daniel Kimball	Male	Walter Kimball	Atkinson, N. H.	Hazel L. Williams	Washington, N. H.
Jan. 14	Frank William Thornhill	Male	Frank Thornhill	Louisville, Ky.	May E. Whittier	North Andover
Feb. 13	Dorothy Evelyn Leavitt	Female	Mark Leavitt		Lottie P. Decker	Clinton, Me.
Feb. 27	Bessie May Foster	Female	Albert B. Foster	North Yarmouth, Me.	Hazel P. Rich	No. Harpswell, Me.
Mar. 9	Pearl Louise Dresser	Female	Raymond G. Dresser	Haverhill, Mass.	Mary E. Legault	Newburyport
Mar. 18	Rita Rose Leavitt	Female	Henry O. Leavitt	Newton, N. H.	Maritza Yerachaim	Haverhill, Mass.
Mar. 20	Laven Y. Yasaian	Male	Yasa Yasaian	Turkey	Minnie Boudreau	Turkey
Mar. 29	— Surette	Female	Edward Surette	Yarmouth, N. S.	Emma Gilbert	Nova Scotia
May 4	Henry George Bonenfant	Male	Emile Bonenfant	Canada	Jennie Merritt	Plaistow, N. H.
June 14	True Pollard Davis	Male	Luther A. Davis	Exeter, N. H.	Adelaide C. Fuller	Newburyport
June 16	Frank Edson Merritt	Male	William O. Merritt	Newburyport, Mass.	Lillian E. Dunn	Haverhill, Mass.
June 23	Evelyn Thurza Senter	Female	Charles W. Senter	Sandown, N. H.	Sarah Bolduc	Newton, N. H.
July 28	Marie Corrine Sarah Coffa	Female	Alfred J. Coffa	Waterville, Maine	Susan Kent	Canada
Aug. 16	Lillian Elizabeth Sargent	Female	George M. Sargent	Sandown, N. H.	Mary A. Whitmore	Rowley, Mass.
Aug. 26	Robert William Gounin	Male	Henry Gounin	Epping, N. H.	Elizabeth LeGasse	Amesbury, Mass.
Sept. 11	Arthur David Britton	Male	George M. Britton	Haverhill, Mass.		Haverhill, Mass.

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence	Age	Birthplace	By Whom Married and Residence
Jan. 7	Ralph Tozier Gladys Camelia Guertin	Plaistow, N. H.	25	Haverhill, Mass.	M. J. Moher, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
Jan. 7	Albert James Gordon	Dorchester, Mass.	31	New York City	Silas L. Morse, Clergyman Haverhill, Mass.
Feb. 7	Doris May Armstrong Clarence M. Furber	Medford, Mass.	19	Medford, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public Plaistow, N. H.
Feb. 10	Ruth B. Steele	Plaistow, N. H.	40	Haverhill, Mass.	M. J. Moher, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
Mar. 4	Albert J. Thibodeau Cora Hattie Lavoie	Haverhill, Mass.	27	Haverhill, Mass.	Ambrose Hennessey, Clergyman Haverhill, Mass.
Mar. 6	Frank E. Maguire Eleanor M. Veroneau	Plaistow, N. H.	20	Whitman, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public Plaistow, N. H.
Mar. 30	Henry E. Lemay Bernice M. Kaulback	Plaistow, N. H.	18	Plaistow, N. H.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public Plaistow, N. H.
April 1	Philip A. LeGault Leah LeGault	Haverhill, Mass.	15	Haverhill, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public Plaistow, N. H.
May 10	John B. Vegir Effie L. Vyette	Haverhill, Mass.	34	Exeter, N. H.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public Plaistow, N. H.
May 11	Fred A. Harriman Anna L. Libbey	Haverhill, Mass.	37	Greece	Frank Sherman Hartley, Clergyman Rochester, N. H.
July 30	Freeman W. Shedd Marguerita D. DeRoche	Plaistow, N. H.	40	Canada	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 2	Armidas Joseph Sayers Odelle Elizabeth Paradis	Plaistow, N. H.	26	Gloucester, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 16	Frank W. Veroneau Ada A. Morash	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Somerville, Mass.	M. J. Moher, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
Sept. 22	Charles B. O'Connor Frances L. Carr	Haverhill, Mass.	16	Haverhill, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
	George L. Clark Annie E. Sims	Plaistow, N. H.	20	Haverhill, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman Plaistow, N. H.
		Methuen, Mass.	21	Haverhill, Mass.	
		Haverhill, Mass.	26	Malden, Mass.	
			30	West Newbury, Mass.	

Sept.	22	John S. Bradley	Plaistow, N. H.	23	Haverhill, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
Sept.	1	Minnie C. Walker	Plaistow, N. H.	22	Plaistow, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
		Roland W. Wilson	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Haverhill, Mass.	Hirzm H. Appleton, Clergyman
June	23	Mildred Cardran	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Lynn, Mass.	Manchester, N. H.
Sept.	24	Herbert Kenney	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Lawrence, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
		Josephine DeRoche	Haverhill, Mass.	18	Haverhill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct.	2	Thomas H. Morphy	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Canada	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
		Addie M. Amazeen	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Nashua, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct.	4	Elmer J. Carter	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Haverhill, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
Oct.	4	Bertha V. Bagley	Haverhill, Mass.	22	Haverhill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct.	8	Otis F. Putnam	Boston, Mass.	21	Danvers, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
		Mary K. Chase	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Danvers, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct.	11	Israel Ender	Haverhill, Mass.	35	England	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public
		Anna McCaw	Haverhill, Mass.	35	Bristol, R. I.	Plaistow, N. H.
Oct.	25	Philomen Cote	Plaistow, N. H.	48	Canada	M. J. Moher, Clergyman
		Forrest C. Stickney	Plaistow, N. H.	51	Canada	Plaistow, N. H.
Nov.	1	Mabel A. Lord	Salem, N. H.	22	Hampstead, N. H.	John W. Clutter, Clergyman
		Charles L. Gillman	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Andover, Mass.	Salem Depot, N. H.
Nov.	15	Henry A. Martin	Georgetown, Mass.	16	Philadelphia, Pa.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
		Ellen Flora Mayberry	Plaistow, N. H.	23	Ipswich, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Nov.	15	Clyde M. Foote	Danville, N. H.	19	Salem, Mass.	M. J. Moher, Clergyman
		Addie L. Sweinerton	Haverhill, Mass.	38	Freeport, Maine	Plaistow, N. H.
Nov.	15	Floyd E. Smith	Haverhill, Mass.	47	Ithaca, N. Y.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
		Christine L. Hill	Haverhill, Mass.	22	Middleton, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
Nov.	26	Russell L. Balch	-Plaistow, N. H.	27	Melrose, Mass.	Frederick B. Greul, Clergyman
		Ruth V. Keenan	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Haverhill, Mass.	Brookline, Mass.
Dec.	25	Grover C. Guthrie	Haverhill, Mass.	19	Boston, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
		Bessie Florena McIntosh	West Newbury, Mass.	24	St. Johns, N. B.	Plaistow, N. H.
			West Newbury, Mass.	23	Fairchance, Pa.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
				23	West Newbury, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Date	Name	Y	M	Age	D	Cause of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 7	Sarah E. Anderson	29	4	0	0	Influenza	David Gates	Katherine Bouthier
Jan. 7	Katherine Brennan	24	8	1	1	Influenza	Dennis Brennan	Mary Jones
Jan. 15	Marian Tozier	1	4	28	4	Influenza	Clyde M. Tozier	Ethel Ward
Mar. 12	Alexander Healy	70	10	3	3	Tic Douloureux	George Healy	—
Mar. 12	Ann M. Cifre	81	4	11	4	Apoplexy	Myers	—
April 12	Napoleon Gauvin	44	0	24	0	Influenza	Paul Gauvin	Marie Comeau
April 25	Mary P. Harriman	62	1	4	4	Found dead	Philip C. Marden	Louisa Buzzell
April 26	Mary Buzzell	72	0	16	0	Mitral regurgitation	David Conning	—
May 12	George M. Sargent	42	5	13	5	Lobar Pneumonia	Edward Sargent	Johanna West
June 13	Edward P. Cogswell	53	8	21	8	Heart, sudden death	John P. Cogswell	Jane A. Kennison
June 26	George Warren Alden Jr.	21	3	15	3	Tuberculosis	George W. Alden	Nellie Smith
July 22	Thomas Newcomb	38	3	24	3	Diabetes	Patrick Newcomb	Ellen Donovan
Aug. 31	Lucy M. Lawson	83	4	23	4	Nephritis	James Sargent	—
July 27	Blake B. Lyford	70	8	30	8	Uremia	Washington Lyford	Hannah Robinson
Oct. 5	Sarah Francis Runnells	70	10	28	10	Carbuncle	John S. York	Sarah A. Beardsley
Nov. 26	Drew Foss	89	2	18	2	Influenza	Clark Foss	Mehitable Clark
Dec. 19	Carrie E. Chase	54	2	12	2	Cona	Burnham Mathes	Elizabeth Stevens

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